

Monday, May 3, 2021

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 12:45 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 12:45:33 p.m. until 4 p.m., on Thursday, May 6, 2021.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Committee Meetings

MEMBER DAY HEARING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mrvan, Schrier, Jackson Lee, Griffith, Stanton, González-Colón, Foster, Moolenaar, Wilson of South Carolina, and Van Drew.

THE AAV MISHAP INVESTIGATION: HOW TO BUILD A CULTURE OF SAFETY TO AVOID PREVENTABLE TRAINING ACCIDENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “The AAV Mishap Investigation: How to Build a Culture of Safety to Avoid Preventable Training Accidents”. Testimony was heard from General Gary L. Thomas, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; Vice Admiral Roy Kitchener, Commander, Naval Surface Forces; Major General Gregg P. Olson, Staff Director of the Marine Corps; and public witnesses.

FROM EXCLUDED TO ESSENTIAL: TRACING THE RACIST EXCLUSION OF FARMWORKERS, DOMESTIC WORKERS, AND TIPPED WORKERS FROM THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “From Excluded to Essential: Tracing the Racist Exclusion of Farmworkers, Domestic Workers, and Tipped Workers from the Fair Labor Standards Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPROVING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Improving Government Accountability and Transparency”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on U.S. National Guard and Reserves, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled “Reviewing Department of Defense Strategy, Policy, and Programs for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction for Fiscal Year 2022”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Negotiating a Better Deal: Legislation to Lower the Cost of Prescription Drugs”, 11:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance, hearing entitled “Built to Last: Examining Housing Resilience in the Face of Climate Change”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Unfolding Crisis in Burma”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Twenty Years of Workforce Challenges: The Need for H.R. 903, the Rights for the TSA Workforce Act of 2021”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 160, the “Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2021”, 3 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, hearing entitled “The Urgent Need to Reform the Organ Transplantation System to Secure More Organs for Waiting, Ailing, and Dying Patients”, 11 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Climate and Energy Science Research at the Department of Energy”, 11 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 234, the “Korean American VALOR Act”; H.R. 1948, the “VA Employee Fairness Act”; H.R. 958, the “Protecting Moms Who Served Act”; H.R. 239, the “Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act”; H.R. 2545, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 2093, the “Providing Benefits Information in Spanish and Tagalog for Veterans and Families Act”; H.R. 2441, the “Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act of 2021”; H.R. 2195, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the scope of procedural rights of members of the uniformed services with respect to their employment and reemployment rights, and for other purposes; H.R. 293, the “VA Hospitals Establishing Leadership Performance Act”; H.R. 2704, the “Improving VA Accountability to Prevent Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Act”; H.R. 2788, the “VA Equal Employment Counseling Modernization Act”; H.R. 2429, the “VA Police Improvement and Accountability Act”; H.R. 2726, the “VA FOIA Reform Act of 2021”; H.R. 290, to amend title 38, United States Code, to render an individual, who transfers certain educational assistance, to which the individual is entitled because of an agreement by such individual to serve in the Armed Forces, to a dependent of that individual, and who fails to complete

such agreement, solely liable for the overpayment of such educational assistance; H.R. 2419, the “Affordable Housing for Homeless Veterans Act”; H.R. 2494, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes; H.R. 711, the “West LA VA Campus Improvement Act of 2021”; H.R. 1510, the “Veterans Camera Reporting Act”; H.R. 2167, the “GI Bill NEED Act”; H.R. 2878, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a Native VetSuccess at Tribal Colleges and Universities Pilot Program; H.R. 2082, the “VA Supply Chain Resiliency Act”; H.R. 2911, the “VA Transparency and Trust Act of 2021”; and H.R. 2935, the “VA Beneficiary Debt Collection Act”, 2 p.m., Zoom.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 4 through May 7, 2021

Senate Chamber

During the balance of the week, Senate will meet in pro forma session.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, May 5, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “TSA: Pandemic and Post-Pandemic Implications for Budget and Operations”, 10 a.m., Webex.

May 5, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Education, 10 a.m., Webex.

May 5, Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the U.S. Army, 12 p.m., Webex.

May 5, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Related Agencies—The Year Ahead”, 2:30 p.m., Webex.

May 6, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “U.S. Secret Service Operational Priorities”, 10 a.m., Webex.

May 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Energy, 1 p.m., Webex.

May 6, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “USDA Rural Development Mission Area”, 2 p.m., Webex.

May 6, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Commerce, 2 p.m., Webex.

May 7, Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Space Force, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services, May 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.